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## Aruba's Tourism: Past and Present

ORANJESTAD — In the 1920s, Aruba had only a few visitors. Between 1924 and 1928, about 200 yachts, motor vessels, and tankers were registered, bringing American businessmen and visitors to the island. For many years since its opening in 1924, the Lago Oil Refinery was the main source of employment for the island of Aruba. In the 1950s, however, due to automation, many employees lost their jobs. To boost the economy, a new industry was sought, and the Dutch government proposed the most feasible choice—tourism.

In 1947, the Aruba Tourist Commission was established to promote and direct tourism on the island, with Ernst Bartels at the helm. In 1953, the commission officially became the Aruba Tourist Bureau (ATB). This was a small organization with only two employees: Ernst Bartels remained chief, assisted by Casper Wever. The ATB continued the vital work of promoting Aruba as a tourism destination, especially in the United States, one of the key markets for the Caribbean.

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The Caribbean Hotel, Aruba's first multi-story resort hotel, opened its doors in 1959, quickly becoming a favorite getaway for world-famous jet-setters. From that time until 1977, the number of hotels increased to 16, with five of them proudly housing their own casinos, and the total number of rooms reached 2,148. In the period from 1986 to 1996, tourism in Aruba grew at almost twice the rate of tourism in the entire Caribbean. From 1986, when the construction of hotels resumed, until 1991, the total number of rooms more than doubled from 2,776 to 5,625. During this period, the number of timeshares also increased about fivefold, from 337 units to 1,967 units. By the end of 1996, there were 7,103 rooms, of which timeshare units totaled 2,272.

### Tourism Today

Hotels are concentrated in two main areas: the high-rise area in Palm Beach and the low-rise area in Eagle Beach and Punta Brabo. The majority of today's hotels fall under foreign ownership, and many of them are international brands. Despite its increase in hotel capacity, Aruba enjoys one of the highest hotel occupancy rates in the Caribbean, averaging about 75% year-round. Aruba's popularity has remained consistent, due not only to the perfect combination of sun, sand, and sea, but also to the hospitality of its people, its high level of safety, its political stability, and its success in various niches such as activities, nightlife, shopping, and restaurants.

The airport, built in 1972 and expanded in 1987, has recently been modernized and expanded again. U.S. immigration arrived in 1988 and U.S. customs in 2000, setting up in a new state-of-the-art building for U.S. departures only. This dedicated facility enables U.S.-bound flights to pre-clear U.S. immigration and customs in Aruba—a huge boon for those traveling to the States.

Tourism in Aruba isn't just our livelihood; it has also become a part of our identity as a community. Educating our youth about the importance of Aruba tourism has created a service oriented and welcoming attitude among our people. Many of our visitors come for the beautiful beaches, but they return because they left the island feeling like family. □



# Alabama lawmakers weigh using virus funds to build prisons

By KIM CHANDLER

Associated Press

**MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)** —

Alabama is weighing the use of \$400 million in pandemic relief funds to build new prisons, a proposal that state Republican leaders say would save state taxpayer money but that critics argue is not the intended use of the federal aid.

Lawmakers on Monday are scheduled to begin a special session focused on a \$1.3 billion prison construction plan to build at least three new prisons and renovate others. The projects would be done in phases and funded with a \$785 million bond issue, \$150 million in general fund dollars and \$400 million from the state's \$2.2 billion share of American Rescue Plan funds.

Gov. Kay Ivey and Republican legislative leaders have defended the use of the virus funds, saying it will enable the state to essentially "pay cash" for part of the construction and avoid using state dollars as well as paying interest on a loan. "We don't have to borrow quite as much money and pay all that money back," Ivey told reporters this week of why the virus funds should be used for prison construction.



**In this July 29, 2020 file photo, Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey speaks during a news conference in Montgomery, Ala. Alabama lawmakers return to Montgomery on Monday, Sept. 27, 2021, to vote on a \$1.3 billion prison construction plan proponents say will help address the state's longstanding problems in corrections, but critics argue the troubles go much deeper and won't be remedied with brick, mortar and bars.**

Associated Press

Republican Sen. Greg Albritton, who chairs the Senate general fund budget committee, said legislative leaders are comfortable they can legally use the money for prison construction.

Albritton said part of the federal dollars are to replace revenue lost during the pandemic. He said that pot of funds "has many, many fewer restrictions" on how it is used.

Dev Wakeley, a policy analyst with Alabama Arise, said while the state may be legally able to use the money for prison construction, the purpose was to do things that "will help everyday Alabamians in their lives, and to smooth out the recovery." Alabama Arise is an advocacy organization for low-income families.

He said the money could be used for items such as an expansion of the state's

Medicaid program to provide medical coverage to previously uninsured Alabamians and child care programs.

"Congress surely did not contemplate, state governments, deciding that well, you know, we're just not going to use this money to actually improve lives of people ... instead we're going to blow \$400 million on building fancy new prisons that don't even really

get at the problems" of the state incarceration system. Rep. Chris England, D-Tuscaloosa, said there are "obviously better uses of the money."

President Joe Biden's sweeping \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 rescue package known as the American Rescue Plan was signed in March, providing a stream of funds to states and cities to recover from the pandemic.

A spokesman said the U.S. Department of Treasury does not preapprove any specific uses of the funds and has not issued a final rule on usage.

Treasury officials say the department is monitoring all proposed expenditures and expects any state or local government that uses state and local funds in violation of the eligible uses to repay the misused funds to the federal government.

The Alabama prison construction proposal calls for at least three new prisons — at least a 4,000-bed prison in Elmore County with enhanced space for medical and mental health care needs; another at least 4,000-bed prison in Escambia County; and a women's prison — as well as renovations to existing facilities. □

# Nonprofit grants propel prosecutor push on racial injustice

By CLAUDIA LAUER

Associated Press

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** —

When Deborah Gonzalez took office in January as the district attorney for the Western Judicial District of Georgia, she noticed that too few defendants, especially Black defendants, qualified for a program that promised treatment for addiction or mental health and not jail.

Like many court diversion programs elsewhere, potential participants in the Athens-Clarke and Oconee counties programs were being disqualified for certain previous charges or police contact. People living in poverty also had a hard time qualifying because of weekly program

fees "My philosophy is there is racial injustice and disparities of how people are treated in this system. And we have to be intentional in how we address it," Gonzalez said.

Through a grant from a national nonprofit criminal justice advocacy group, Vera Institute of Justice, and a local organization, People Living in Recovery, Gonzalez is redesigning the program to make it more accessible.

Many of the changes enacted by states following George Floyd's death have centered on policing tactics and not on racial disparities in the criminal justice system. On a national level, bipartisan congressional talks on overhauling

policing practices have ended without an agreement, bargainers from both parties said this past week, despite promises from the Biden administration for change.

And now, groups such as Vera are targeting suburban communities to push through criminal justice changes without new laws. Vera awarded 10 prosecutors about \$550,000 to help reduce racial disparities in prosecution. The prosecutors in Georgia, Virginia, Michigan, Hawaii, Pennsylvania, Missouri, New York and Indiana — most of whom were elected in the past two years on progressive platforms — are looking at programs or policies in their offices that dispro-



**In this Dec. 17, 2020 file photo, Deborah Gonzalez speaks after taking the oath of office for district attorney at the ACC courthouse in Athens, Ga. When Gonzalez took office in January as the district attorney for the Western District of Georgia, she noticed that too few defendants, especially Black defendants, qualified for a program that promised treatment for addiction or mental health and not jail.**

(Joshua L. Jones/Athens Banner-Herald via AP, File)

portionately affect defendants of color.

Some prosecutors are addressing prosecution of specific crimes or making

diversion programs more inclusive. Others are looking at ways to keep juveniles out of the criminal justice system all together. □



# Texas border crossing where migrants made camp to reopen

By **MARÍA VERZA** and **JUAN LOZANO**

Associated Press

**DEL RIO, Texas (AP)** — The Texas border crossing where thousands of Haitian migrants converged in recent weeks will be partially reopened late Saturday afternoon, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said.

Federal and local officials said no migrants remained at the makeshift encampment as of Friday, after some of the nearly 15,000 people were expelled from the country and many others were allowed to remain in the U.S., at least temporarily, as they try to seek asylum.

In a statement, officials said trade and travel operations would resume at the Del Rio Port of Entry for passenger traffic at 4 p.m. Saturday. It will be reopened for cargo traffic on Monday morning. CBP temporarily closed the border crossing between Del Rio and Ciudad Acuña, Mexico, on Sept. 17 after the migrants suddenly crossed into Del Rio



This photo combination shows an area where migrants, many from Haiti, were encamped along the Del Rio International Bridge on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021, and a photo showing the area after it was cleared off by authorities, Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, in Del Rio, Texas.

(AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

and made camp around the U.S. side of the border bridge.

CBP agents on Saturday searched the brush along the Rio Grande to ensure that no one was hiding near the site. Bruno Lozano, the mayor of Del Rio, said officials also wanted to be sure no other large groups of migrants were making their way to the Del Rio area to try to set up a similar camp.

The Department of Homeland Security planned to continue flights to Haiti

throughout the weekend, ignoring criticism from Democratic lawmakers and human rights groups who say Haitian migrants are being sent back to a troubled country that some left more than a decade ago.

The number of people at the Del Rio encampment peaked last Saturday as migrants driven by confusion over the Biden administration's policies and misinformation on social media converged at the border crossing.

The U.S. and Mexico worked swiftly, appearing eager to end the humanitarian situation that prompted the resignation of the U.S. special envoy to Haiti and widespread outrage after images emerged of border agents maneuvering their horses to forcibly block and move migrants.

Many migrants face expulsion because they are not covered by protections recently extended by the Biden administration to the more than 100,000 Haitian migrants already in

the U.S., citing security concerns and social unrest in the Western Hemisphere's poorest country. A devastating 2010 earthquake forced many from their homeland.

The U.S. government expelled 2,324 Haitians on 21 flights to Haiti from Sunday through Friday, according to the Department of Homeland Security. On Friday, the government operated four flights from Del Rio with 375 Haitian migrants; two flights to Port-au-Prince and two to Cap-Haitien. The department said the flights will continue "on a regular basis" as people are expelled under pandemic powers that deny migrants the chance to seek asylum.

The Trump administration enacted the policy, called Title 42, in March 2020 to justify restrictive immigration policies in an effort to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. The Biden administration has used it to justify the deportation of Haitian migrants.

# US has enough COVID-19 vaccines for boosters, kids' shots

By **TODD RICHMOND** and **KATHLEEN FOODY**

Associated Press

**MADISON, Wis. (AP)** — With more than 40 million doses of coronavirus vaccines available, U.S. health authorities said they're confident there will be enough for both qualified older Americans seeking booster shots and the young children for whom initial vaccines are expected to be approved in the not-too-distant future.

The spike in demand — expected following last week's federal recommendation on booster shots — would be the first significant jump in months. More than 70 million Americans remain unvaccinated despite the enticement of lottery prizes, free food or gifts and pleas from exhausted health care workers as the average number of deaths per day climbed to more than 1,900 in recent weeks. Federal and state health authorities said current sup-



In this Aug. 28, 2021, file photo, Mayra Navarrete, 13, receives the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine from registered nurse, Noleen Nobleza at a clinic set up in the parking lot of CalOptima in Orange, Calif. With more than 40 million doses of coronavirus vaccines available, U.S. health authorities said they're confident both seniors and other vulnerable Americans seeking booster shots and parents anticipating approval of initial shots for young children will have easy access.

(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong, File)

ply and steady production of more doses can easily accommodate those seeking boosters or initial vaccination, avoiding a repeat

of the frustratingly slow roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines across the country early this year.

"I hope that we have the

level of interest in the booster ... that we need more vaccines," Colorado Gov. Jared Polis said Tuesday. "That's simply not where we are today. We have plenty of vaccines."

Robust supply in the U.S. enabled President Joe Biden this week to promise an additional 500 million of Pfizer's COVID-19 shots to share with the world, doubling the United States' global contribution. Aid groups and health organizations have pushed the U.S. and other countries to improve vaccine access in countries where even the most vulnerable people haven't had a shot.

Among the challenges states face is not ordering too many doses and letting them go to waste. Several states with low vaccination rates, including Idaho and Kansas, have reported throwing away thousands of expired doses or are struggling to use vaccines nearing expiration this fall.

While most vaccines can stay on the shelf unopened for months, once a vial is opened the clock starts ticking. Vaccines are only usable for six to 12 hours, depending on the manufacturer, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Moderna vaccines come in vials containing 11 to 15 doses. Pfizer vials contain up to six doses and Johnson & Johnson vials five doses. "We are going to see more doses that go unused over time," said Wisconsin's health secretary, Karen Timberlake. "They come in multidose files. They don't come in nice, tidy individual single-serving packages."

State health officials said they have tried to request only what health care providers and pharmacies expect to need from the federal supply. Those numbers have dwindled since the vaccines became widely available in early spring. □



## UK gas stations run dry as trucker shortage sparks hoarding

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Thousands of British gas stations ran dry Sunday, an industry group said, as motorists scrambled to fill up amid a supply disruption due to a shortage of truck drivers.

The Petrol Retailers Association, which represents almost 5,500 independent outlets, said about two-thirds of its members were reporting that they had sold out their fuel, with the rest "partly dry and running out soon."

Association chairman Brian Madderson said the shortages were the result of "panic buying, pure and simple."

"There is plenty of fuel in this country, but it is in the wrong place for the motorists," he told the BBC. "It is still in the terminals and the refineries."

Long lines of vehicles formed at many gas stations over the weekend, and tempers frayed as some drivers waited for hours. Police were called



**A view of a sign at a petrol station, in Bracknell England, Sunday Sept. 26, 2021. In a U-turn, Britain says it will issue thousands of emergency visas to foreign truck drivers to help fix supply-chain problems that have caused empty supermarket shelves, long lines at gas stations and shuttered petrol pumps.**

(Steve Parsons/PA via AP)

to one London gas station Sunday after a scuffle broke out. Police said a man was arrested on suspicion of assault.

The haulage industry says

the U.K. is short tens of thousands of truckers, due to a perfect storm of factors including the coronavirus pandemic, an aging workforce and an exodus of

foreign workers following Britain's Brexit departure from the European Union last year.

Several countries, including the United States and Ger-

many, also are experiencing a shortage of truck drivers. The problem has been especially visible in Britain, where it has contributed to empty supermarket shelves and shuttered gas pumps.

After weeks of mounting pressure, the U.K.'s Conservative government announced Saturday that it will issue thousands of emergency visas to foreign truck drivers to help prevent a Christmas without turkey or toys for many British families. The government said it would issue 5,000 three-month visas for truck drivers starting in October, and another 5,500 for poultry workers.

Industry groups welcomed the new visa plan, although the British Retail Consortium said it was "too little, too late."

Ruby McGregor-Smith, president of the Confederation of British Industry, said the announcement was "the equivalent of throwing a thimble of water on a bonfire." □

## Haitians returning to a homeland that's far from welcoming

By **ALBERTO ARCE and RODRIGO ABD**

Associated Press

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)**

— Deported from the United States, Pierre Charles landed a week ago in Port-au-Prince, a capital more dangerous and dystopian than the one he'd left four years before. Unable to reach his family, he left the airport alone, on foot.

Charles was unsure how to make his way to the Carrefour neighborhood through a city shrouded in smoke and dust, often tolling with gunfire from gangs and police. On the airport road, the 39-year-old laborer tried unsuccessfully to flag down packed buses. He asked motorcycle drivers to take him but was told again and again that the trip was too risky.

Finally, someone agreed to take him as far as a bus stop.

"I know there are barricades and shootings," Charles said as he took off into the unknown, "but I

have nowhere else to go." At least 2,853 Haitians deported from Texas have landed here in the last week with \$15-\$100 in cash handouts and a "good luck out there" from migration officials -- many setting foot in the country for the first time in years, even decades.

More than a city, Port-au-Prince it is an archipelago of gang-controlled islands in a sea of despair. Some neighborhoods are abandoned. Others are barricaded behind fires, destroyed cars and piles of garbage, occupied by heavily armed men. On Saturday, a local newspaper reported 10 kidnappings in the previous 24 hours including a journalist, a singer's mother and a couple driving with their toddler, who was left behind in the car.

Most of the population of Port-au-Prince has no access to basic public services, no drinking water, electricity or garbage col-

lection. The deportees join thousands of fellow Haitians who have been displaced from their homes, pushed out by violence to take up residence in crowded schools, churches, sports centers and makeshift camps among ruins. Many of these people are out of reach even for humanitarian organizations.

Of the more than 18,000 people the United Nations counts among those displaced in Port-au-Prince since gang violence began to spike in May, the International Organization for Migration only has access "to about 5,000, maybe 7,000," said Giuseppe Loprete, head of the IOM mission here. "We are negotiating access to the rest."

Elice Fleury didn't pay much attention to the people running and shouting outside his bakery until he heard the bursts of gunfire. When he looked out the door on June 2, he saw heavily armed masked men pulling people out



**Vendors shred cabbage in the Croix des Bosalles market, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Monday, Sept. 13, 2021. The city's main food market extends from the southern entrance of the port to the parliament, on ground where enslaved people were sold before independence. To enter the market today, one must walk through a gang gauntlet.**

(AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

of their homes and taking control of his Martissant neighborhood.

The main road in Martissant is a strategic artery that connects the Haitian capital with the south of the country. The gang wanted control. They had surrounded the neighbor-

hood that lies between mountains and the sea in a well-planned occupation, and were firing on the police station. When Fleury saw the officers fleeing instead of facing the armed men, he called his wife.

"I can't get out," she told him □



## UN and Afghanistan's Taliban, figuring out how to interact

By AYA BATRAWY

Associated Press

(AP) - It's been little more than a month since Kalashnikov-toting Taliban fighters in their signature heavy beards, hightop sneakers and shalwar kameezes descended on the Afghan capital and cemented their takeover. Now they're vying for a seat in the club of nations and seeking what no country has given them as they attempt to govern for a second time: international recognition of their rule.

The Taliban wrote to the United Nations requesting to address the U.N. General Assembly meeting of leaders that is underway in New York. They argue they have all the requirements needed for recognition of a government. The U.N. has effectively responded to the Taliban's request by signaling: Not so fast.

Afghanistan, which joined the U.N. in 1946 as an early member state, is scheduled to speak last at the General Assembly leaders' session on Monday. With no meeting yet held by the U.N. committee that decides challenges to credentials, it appears almost certain that Afghanistan's current ambassador will give the address this year — or that no one will at all.

The U.N. can withhold or



Afghan children and women gather outside a bakery to get free bread in Kabul, Afghanistan, Friday, Sept. 24, 2021.

(AP Photo/Felipe Dana)

bestow formal acknowledgement on the Taliban, and use this as crucial leverage to exact assurances on human rights, girls' access to education and political concessions. This is where the power — and relevance, even — of the 76-year-old world body still holds. Afghanistan is a good, and perhaps extreme, representative case study of precisely why the United Nations was founded in the aftermath of World War II, said Rohinton Medhora, president of the Center for International

Governance Innovation in Canada. "If you're the U.N. and you want to represent the family of nations, then you want absolutely everyone of the family there — even you know, the distant cousin that not everyone's proud of," he said. "So the U.N. needs Afghanistan and countries to demonstrate the value of many of its operations."

In Afghanistan, the United Nations can deploy the weight of its vast aid and development programs to show just how crucial its often underfunded agencies

are in providing stability and security. The country is facing multiple humanitarian crises and near-total poverty due to fallout from the political situation.

There are already growing calls for aid to be contingent on ensuring girls' access to education. Despite promises to be inclusive and open, the Taliban have yet to allow older girls back to school, have curtailed local media freedoms and returned to brutal practices like publicly hanging dead bodies in city squares.

"Taliban does not represent

the will of the Afghan people," Afghanistan's currently accredited ambassador to the U.N. in Geneva, Nasir Andisha, told The Associated Press.

If the United Nations recognizes the Taliban's claim to power, Andisha said, then it sends a corrosive message to others — be it in Yemen or in Myanmar — that they can take up guns, create violence, join with U.S.-designated terrorist groups.

"I think for the world, for the United Nations, it's time to use this as a leverage," Andisha said.

The Taliban's appointed U.N. representative, Suhail Shaheen, a former negotiator and political spokesman, told The Associated Press that his government should be admitted into the club of nations and that "all borders, territory and major cities of Afghanistan are in our control."

"We have support of our people and because of their support, we were able to continue a successful struggle for independence of our country which culminated in our independence," he said. "We have all the requirements needed for recognition of a government. So we hope the UN as a neutral World Body recognize the current government of Afghanistan." □



In this Oct. 24, 2005 file photo, Colonel Theoneste Bagosora, is shown before the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) in Arusha, Tanzania. Theoneste Bagosora, a former Rwandan army colonel regarded as the architect of the 1994 genocide in which more than 800,000 ethnic Tutsi and Hutus who tried to protect them were killed, died in a hospital in Mali on Saturday Sept. 25, 2021.

(AP Photo/Cukhdev Chhatbar, File)

By IGNATIUS SSUUNA  
Associated Press

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) —  
Theoneste Bagosora, a for-

## Theoneste Bagosora, architect of Rwanda genocide, dies at 80

mer Rwandan army colonel regarded as the architect of the 1994 genocide in which more than 800,000 ethnic Tutsi and Hutus who tried to protect them were killed, died in a hospital in Mali on Saturday.

His son Achille Bagosora announced the death in a Facebook post: "Rest in Peace, Papa."

Bagosora was serving a 35-year sentence after being found guilty of crimes against humanity by the then-International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Bagosora, 80, had been sentenced to life in 2008

but on appeal his sentence was reduced to 35 years in prison.

Known as a hardliner within the National Republican Movement for Democracy and Development party of Rwandan President Juvenal Habyarimana, Bagosora in 1993 was appointed cabinet director in the defense ministry and took control of military and political affairs in the country.

The position made him answerable only to the president. When the president died in a plane crash, Bagosora took over the af-

fairs of state and ordered the massacre of Tutsi, Donat Rutayisire, a genocide survivor who knew him, told The Associated Press. Canadian Gen. Romeo Dallaire, head of United Nations peacekeepers in Rwanda at the time, described Bagosora as the "kingpin" behind the genocide.

After the genocide, Bagosora fled into exile in Cameroon. He was arrested there in 1996 and flown to face trial in Arusha, Tanzania in 1997. His trial began in 2002 and lasted until 2007. □



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## “Aruba Ariba”: Diversifying Tourism Towards Inclusive Growth

Written by Thais Franken, MSc. It was on a Friday evening, March 13th 2020, when the Prime Minister of Aruba addressed the Aruban people and confirmed that Covid-19 has been detected on the island. It was a moment of complete uncertainty and with no solid answers to what we should be expecting moving forward. Everything changed so quickly as Aruba said goodbye to its visitors and closed its borders to protect the Aruban community. Since then, one and a half years later, Aruba has experienced four Covid-19 waves, but the question is what will the new normal look like for this small island? To what degree will tourism, Aruba's lifeline, decline, stay the same, or possibly improve?

There is no question that COVID-19 pandemic has had a substantial global social and economic impact. Both developed and developing economies have been affected. More so, marginalized societies and the most vulnerable have been hit hardest of all. Since 1980, the United Nations World Tourism Organization (WTO) has celebrated World Tourism Day as international observances on September 27. This year the WTO designated World Tourism Day 2021 as a day to focus on “Tourism for Inclusive Growth.” The vision is to not only cre-

ate economic prosperity but to provide everyone a voice for the future – including communities, minorities, youth and those who would otherwise be at risk of being left behind. Tourism is considered the pillar of most – if not all – the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goals 1 (no poverty), 5 (gender equality), 8 (decent work and economic growth) and 10 (reduce inequalities). Just last week the world celebrated the SDG's 6th anniversary, with outlooks and further commitments to achieving the 2030 agenda for sustainability.

After complete a lock down, shelter in place, and night time curfew, Aruba has been embracing its visitors but still concerned about the future. Around the world the restart of tourism will help kickstart recovery and growth. It is essential that the benefits this will bring are enjoyed widely and fairly. Today provides us a unique occasion to increase the conversation about the tourism sector's role in Aruba's recovery and growth.

The prevalence of Covid-19 has exposed the reality Aruba and most small island states have to endure; vulnerability and dependency. However, nothing prepared the island to see the other side of this reality. The dire real-

ity where for the first time since the emergence of tourism on Aruba there were numerous empty hotel buildings and empty cruise ships docked at the harbor. UNESCO warns that

an excessive dependency on tourism can also create localized mono-economies at the expense of diversification and alternative economic models. When mismanaged, tourism can,

therefore, have negative effects on the quality of life and well-being of local residents, as well as the natural environment (2021).

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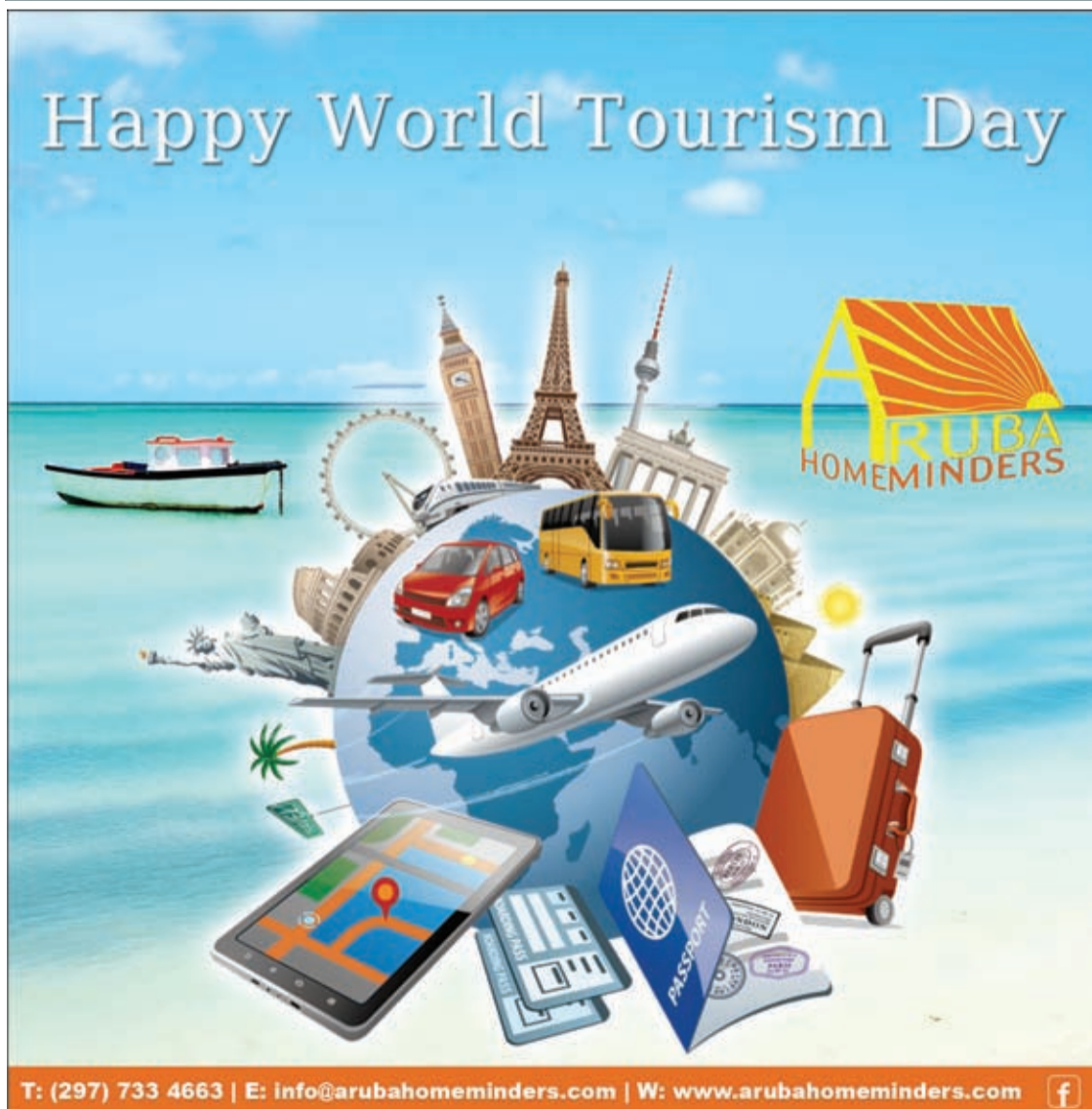
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## “Aruba Ariba”: Diversifying Tourism Towards Inclusive Growth

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For the last years there have been many discussions and debates about the implications of tourism on Aruba. What will the consequence of tourism be economically, socially and environmentally in a few years? Policy-wise Aruba shifted to the ideology of creating a “high value, low impact” development and experience for visitors, but how well has this been working out so far? Has the Aruban tourism industry ensured inclusive growth? Has it created a true balance between nation building and nation branding? In the effort of promoting our island and catering to the visitors demands, have we lost the Aruban identity?

Notwithstanding tourism’s strong prospect as a driver for positive change, which it is, challenges exist, including steering the space between economic gain and cultural integrity. Tourism’s crucial role in boosting inclusive community development can often remain at the margins of policy planning and implementation. Fast and unplanned tourism growth can trigger a range of negative impacts, including pressure on local communities and infrastructure from over-tourism during peak periods, gentrification of urban areas, waste problems and global greenhouse gas emissions (UNESCO, 2021).

According to a research by Peterson, DiPietro & Harill (2020) “in mature, small-island tourism economies such as Aruba, social and ecological disparities are particularly evident and over an extended period have exceeded direct economic contribution. The case study reveals an Aruban community experiencing significant negative socioecological impacts and subsequent diminishing economic contribution and well-being. Concerns about environmental pollution and destruction, the loss of quality of life and income equality, in addition to over construction and crowding, indicate a growing animosity toward tourism and further tourism growth” (p. 235).

It was just last week that concerned citizens protested in front of the Parliament of Aruba to raise awareness to the detrimental environmental situation on the island, which includes over construction and its impact on nature, the waste water purification system that is declining, the deplorable waste management and landfill, and the impact of UTV and ATV’s on the environment. If Aruba truly wants achieve inclusive and sustainable growth, these are all good examples of challenges that need to be addressed as soon as possible.

Furthermore, the results of this research confirms that “Aruba is experiencing the damaging impacts or undesired effects of a mature and specialized tourism economy, in which tourism growth and continued physical tourism expansions have encroached on the social and environmental space of the community. These concerns are compounded by the surge in tourism visitors, with diminishing economic contribution, declining productivity levels and persistent income inequalities” (p. 234).





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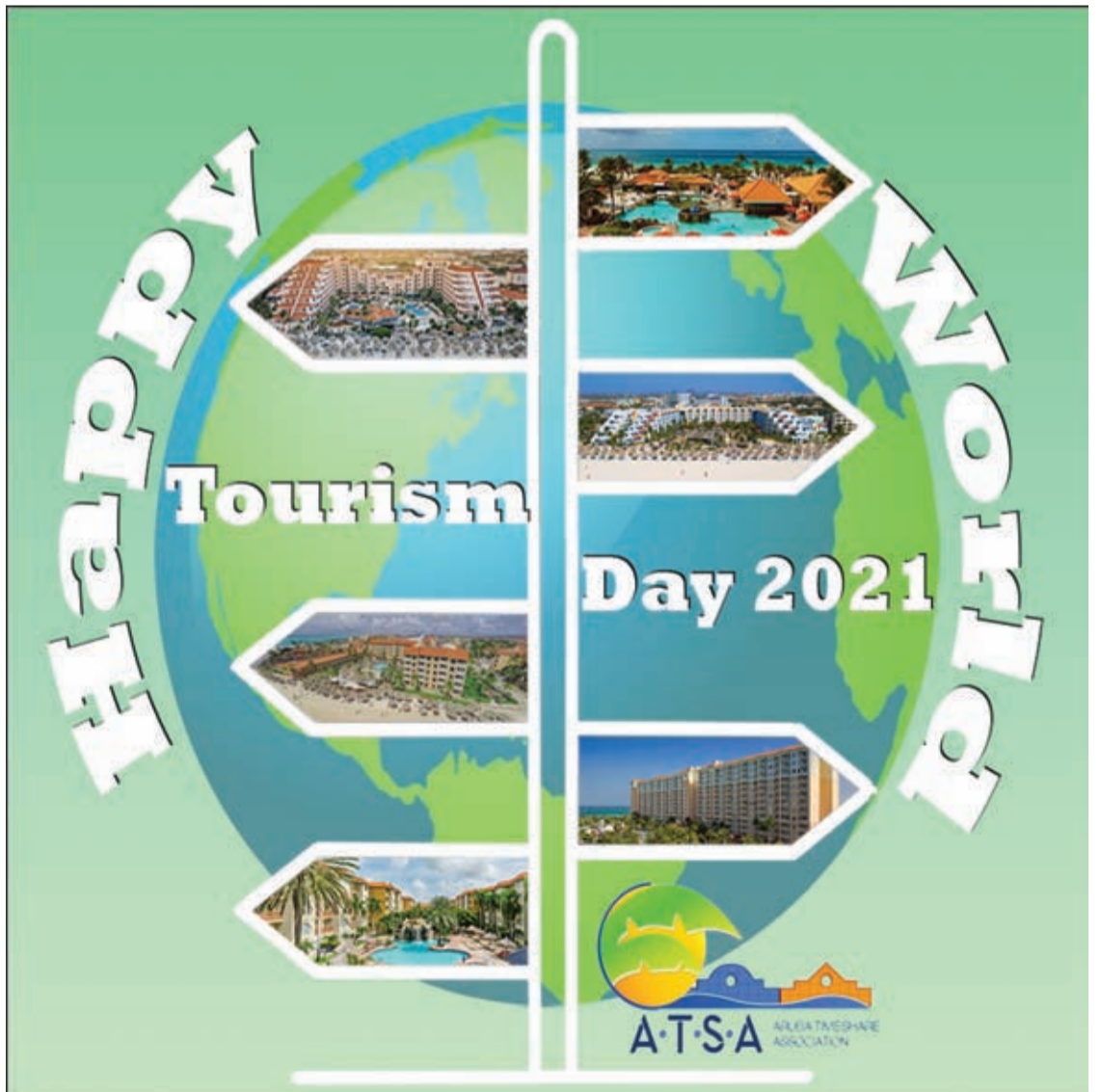
A country's cultural heritage is an essential resource for the tourism industry and cultural tourism is the most appropriate way to capitalize on tangible or intangible heritage, which include nature reserves, marine parks, caves and diving sites, historical buildings, museums, monuments, oral traditions, indigenous practices, festivals, cultural events and local performing and visual arts (Keith Nurse,. According to Calin Veghes (2018) “currently, the contribution of cultural heritage to the inclusive growth is very limited. Its improvement depends on building a mechanism by which local resources – raw materials, technologies, know-how and creativity – can be used by the local economy to produce goods and services used to manage, promote and capitalize on the existing cultural heritage, and the results to be redistributed among its members, the community. Thus, local communities should be actively involved in the restoration, preservation, promotion and capitalization of the local tangible and/or intangible cultural heritage aiming to grow in a sustainable and inclusive manner” (p. 359).

Many tourists might hear “Aruba Ariba” and imagine a refreshing drink at the beach, but for World Tourism Day this year Aruba Ariba will represent a commitment to putting sustainability and inclusive growth a priority. A pledge to enrich the well-being of the Aruban people, while safeguarding all natural and cultural resources we proudly share with visitors. Aruba Ariba will symbolize Aruba's promise to nourish innovation and foster sustainable development by addressing all urgent matters. Covid-19 might have caused an unprecedented economic setback, but moving forward let's remember why visitors keep returning. They don't only come for the white sandy beaches, but they come for the warm and cordial people.

Finally to quote Peterson, DiPietro & Harrill (2020):

“Community participation and participatory decision-making are essential to safeguarding inclusive tourism. Beyond sustaining the degenerative status-quo, tourism institutions need to focus their concerted efforts on regenerating the rich social and ecological context that once characterized the well-being of Aruba, the one happy island” (p. 236).

Happy World Tourism Day Aruba!







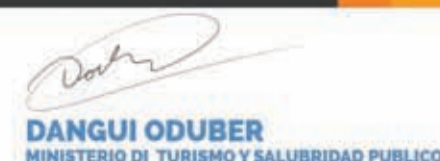
## Amazing things to know about Aruba

1. Everyone native Aruban speaks four languages; English, Spanish, Dutch and Papiamentu. Dutch and Papiamentu are the official languages of Aruba.
2. The origin of Papiamentu is still a bit of a mystery. However, Arubans say that it was developed from Portuguese-African pidgin which was used as the language for communication between slaves and slave traders. There are also some Dutch and Spanish influences.
3. In most schools in Aruba children have all their lessons in Dutch. They can only speak Papiamentu during the Papiamentu class.
4. Aruba is a former Dutch colony. It is now its own country. However, Aruba is still part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
5. Aruba is not in Hurricane Alley, which means there's no BAD time to visit Aruba.
6. Aruba's currency is the Aruban florin which is worth about 0.56 US Dollars. Dollars are accepted everywhere though.
7. The crime rate in Aruba is pretty low. It is one of the safest islands in the Caribbean.
8. Carnival in Aruba is a BIG DEAL. It's not just Brazil! There's parades, Carnival Queen elections, dance competitions and more. So if you're in Aruba in February, make sure to attend one of the many Carnival events. Let's see if Covid will allow us to have carnival back in 2022.
9. We produce our own drinking water thanks to their desalination plant. You can drink the water straight from the taps. The electricity on the island is also a by-product of the desalinisation plant.
10. Aruba is home to a rare species of the burrowing owl. It lives in burrows in the ground hidden by cacti. It is one of Aruba's national symbols and appears on postage stamps.
11. Before Covid Aruba had over a million tourists visit its shores. That's around 10 times the local population.
12. There are over 90 different nationalities living on the island in pretty much perfect harmony
13. The Aruban flag was adopted in 1976.
14. Aruba's national day is March 18th. Just after St.Patrick's day.



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# What's the price of Biden's plan? Democrats drive for zero

By JOSH BOAK

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — What will it cost to enact President Joe Biden's massive expansion of social programs?

Congress has authorized spending up to \$3.5 trillion over a decade, but Biden is prodding Democrats to fully cover the cost of the legislation — by raising taxes on corporations and the wealthy, negotiating the price of prescription drugs and dialing up other sources of federal revenue such as increased IRS funding.

The idea is that entire package should pay for itself.

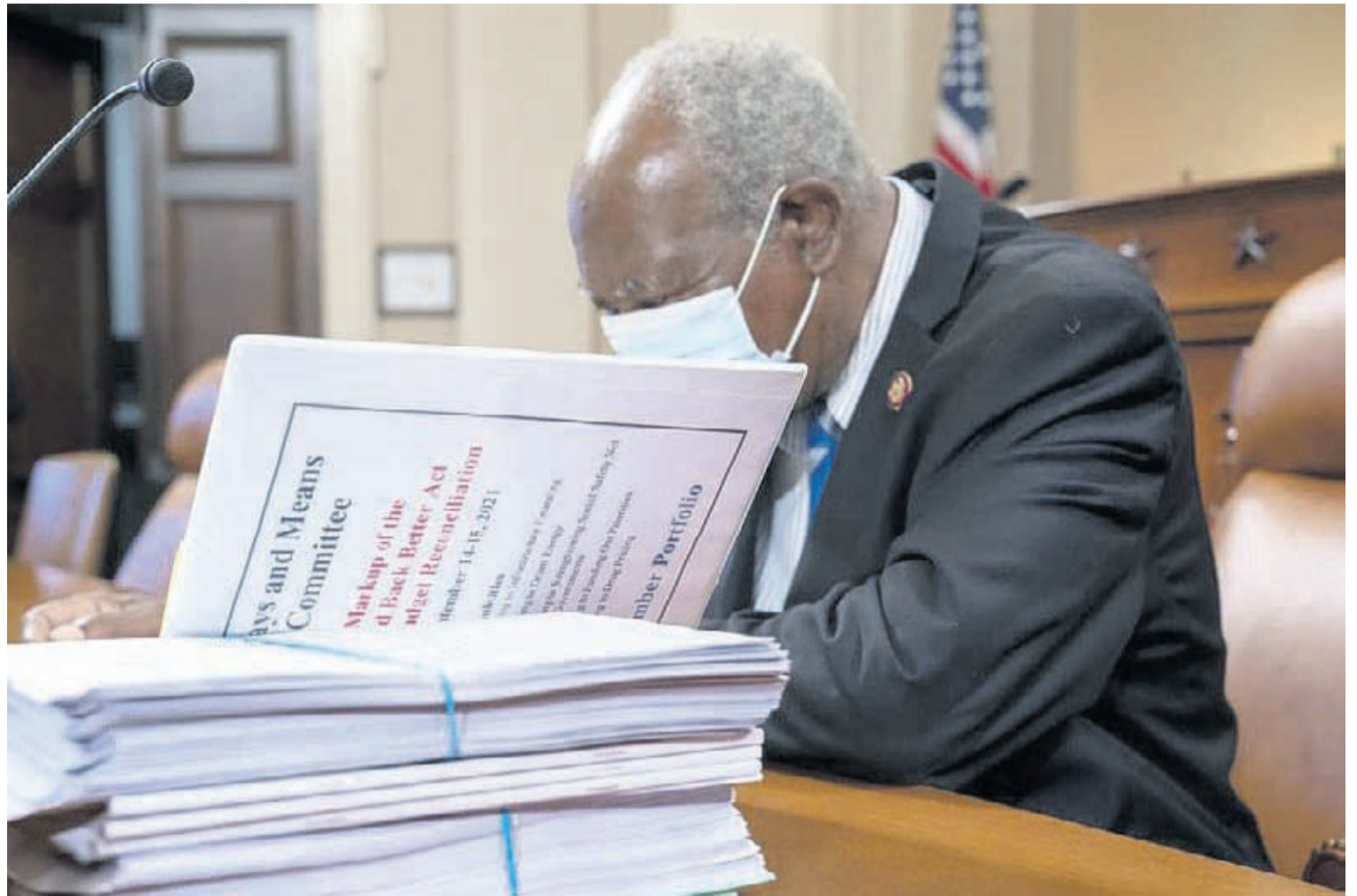
Defending a bill not yet fully drafted, Democrats are determined to avoid a deficit financed spending spree. They are growing frustrated by the focus on the proposed \$3.5 trillion spending total, arguing far too little attention is being paid to the work they are doing to balance the books. Biden on Friday said he would prefer the price tag described as “zero.”

“We pay for everything we spend,” Biden said at the White House. “It's going to be zero. Zero.”

But the revenue side of the equation is vexing, and it's emerged as a core challenge for Democratic bargainers as they labor to construct one of the largest legislative efforts in a generation. Their success or failure could help determine whether the bulk of Biden's agenda becomes law and can withstand the political attacks to come.

Republicans, lockstep in opposition, aren't waiting for the details. They've trained their focus on the \$3.5 trillion spending ceiling set by Democrats, pillorying that sum as fiscally reckless, misguided, big government at its worst.

“The radical left is pushing in all their chips — they want to use this terrible but temporary pandemic as a Trojan horse for permanent socialism,” Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said Thursday. “Trillions upon trillions more in government spending when families are



In this Sept. 21, 2021, file photo Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., criticizes Republicans as he speaks to reporters after a weekly policy meeting, at the Capitol in Washington.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite, File)

already facing inflation.”

Part of the problem for Democratic leaders is the lack of a consensus about which programs to fund and for how long.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., acknowledge the price will likely come down and say they have a “menu” of revenue raisers to pay for it. But without certainty on what initiatives will be included, no final decisions can be made.

“This is not about price tag,” Pelosi said Thursday. “This is about what's in the bill.”

Biden and administration officials stress the plan is as much about fairness as dollars and cents. By taxing the wealthy and corporations, they hope to fund paid family leave and child tax credits that help those reaching for the middle class, all while adopting environmental and economic policies that help the U.S. compete with China. But the haggling over a final spending target is overshadowing the policy goals they are trying achieve.

Washington Rep. Pramila Jayapal, a lead negotiator for House progressives, said Friday that reporters should not depict the measure as costing trillions of dollars when the accompanying proposed tax increases would cover the cost.

“I just believe that this is going to be a zero-dollar bill — that's the No. 1 priority,” she said.

Sharron Parrott, president of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a liberal think tank based in Washington, warned Democrats that emphasizing the \$3.5 trillion figure could detract from what they are trying to achieve.

“The debate so far has been overly focused on a single number: the \$3.5 trillion in gross new investments over the next ten years — including both spending increases and tax cuts — that may be included in the package,” Parrott wrote in an August blog post. “True fiscal stewardship requires a focus on the net cost of the package and, even more fundamentally, a focus on the merits of the investment

and offset proposals themselves.”

What Biden is really pushing are two goals that can easily come into conflict. He wants to restore the middle class to the epicenter of economic growth, but do so without worsening the national debt or raising taxes on people earning less than \$400,000 a year.

Further complicating things is that many of his spending policies are actually tax cuts for the poor and middle class, which means he is raising taxes for one group in order to cut them for another.

Democrats also have to contend with how the measures are assessed by the Congressional Budget Office, the final arbiter of how the legislation will affect the federal balance sheet.

The Democrats' expanded child credit and dependent care credits, enacted earlier this year, are counted as costs in a CBO score. Biden wants to extend these programs as part of the budget, which he is now arguing amounts to one of the largest middle-

class tax cuts in U.S. history. “It's reducing taxes, not increasing taxes,” Biden said Friday.

It's not entirely clear whether Biden's claim of “zero” cost is feasible under the 10-year outlook used by the CBO to assess the economic impacts of legislation. Biden's own budget officials earlier this year estimated that his agenda would increase the national debt by nearly \$1.4 trillion over the decade.

Biden on Friday described the multi-tiered talks with legislators as at a “stalemate.” More meetings are expected in coming days. In the evenly split Senate, key Democratic senators such as West Virginia's Joe Manchin and Arizona's Kyrsten Sinema have qualms about the total spending. Democratic moderates are jockeying for advantage against their liberal counterparts. With time running short, Biden is asking for more patience to get the numbers right so that the votes will follow.

“This is a process,” he said. “But it's just gonna take some time.” □



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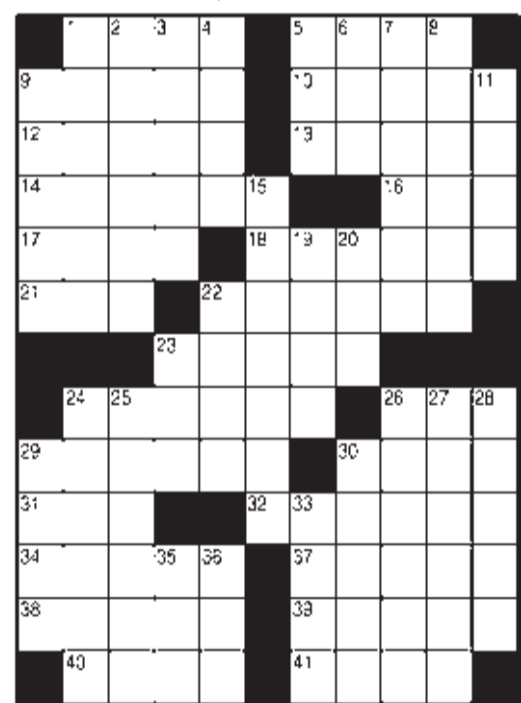
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# US has enough COVID-19 vaccines for boosters, kids' shots



In this Aug. 28, 2021, file photo, Mayra Navarrete, 13, receives the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine from registered nurse, Noleen Nobleza at a clinic set up in the parking lot of CalOptima in Orange, Calif. With more than 40 million doses of coronavirus vaccines available, U.S. health authorities said they're confident both seniors and other vulnerable Americans seeking booster shots and parents anticipating approval of initial shots for young children will have easy access.

(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong, File)

By TODD RICHMOND and KATHLEEN FOODY

**MADISON, Wis. (AP) —** With more than 40 million doses of coronavirus vaccines available, U.S. health authorities said they're confident there will be enough for both qualified older Americans seeking booster shots and the young children for whom initial vaccines are expected to be approved in the not-too-distant future.

The spike in demand — expected following last week's federal recommendation on booster shots — would be the first significant jump in months. More than 70 million Americans remain unvaccinated despite the enticement of lottery prizes, free food or gifts and pleas from exhausted health care workers as the average number of deaths per day climbed to more than 1,900 in recent weeks. Federal and state health authorities said current supply and steady production of more doses can easily accommodate those seeking boosters or initial vaccination, avoiding a repeat of the frustratingly slow rollout of COVID-19 vaccines across the country early this year.

"I hope that we have the level of interest in the booster ... that we need more vaccines," Colo-

rado Gov. Jared Polis said Tuesday. "That's simply not where we are today. We have plenty of vaccines." Robust supply in the U.S. enabled President Joe Biden this week to promise an additional 500 million of Pfizer's COVID-19 shots to share with the world, doubling the United States' global contribution. Aid groups and health organizations have pushed the U.S. and other countries to improve vaccine access in countries where even the most vulnerable people haven't had a shot. Among the challenges states face is not ordering too many doses and letting them go to waste. Several states with low vaccination rates, including Idaho and Kansas, have reported throwing away thousands of expired doses or are struggling to use vaccines nearing expiration this fall. While most vaccines can stay on the shelf unopened for months, once a vial is

opened the clock starts ticking. Vaccines are only usable for six to 12 hours, depending on the manufacturer, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Moderna vaccines come in vials containing 11 to 15 doses. Pfizer vials contain up to six doses and Johnson & Johnson vials five doses. "We are going to see more doses that go unused over time," said Wisconsin's health secretary, Karen Timberlake. "They come in multidose files. They don't come in nice, tidy individual single-serving packages."

State health officials said they have tried to request only what health care providers and pharmacies expect to need from the federal supply. Those numbers have dwindled since the vaccines became widely available in early spring. But U.S. officials — holding out hope that some of the unvaccinated will change their minds — are trying to keep enough vaccines in stock so all Americans can get them.

That balancing act is tricky and can lead to consternation around the globe as the U.S. sits on unused vaccines while many countries in places such as Africa can't get enough vaccines.

"Somebody sitting in a country with few resources to access vaccines, seeing people in the U.S. able to walk into a pharmacy and get that vaccine and choosing not to, I'm sure that's causing heartache," said Jen Kates, senior vice president and director of global health and HIV policy for the Kaiser Family Foundation. □

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# Neo-Nazis are still on Facebook. And they're making money

By ERIKA KINETZ  
Associated Press

(AP) — It's the premier martial arts group in Europe for right-wing extremists. German authorities have twice banned their signature tournament. But Kampf der Nibelungen, or Battle of the Nibelungs, still thrives on Facebook, where organizers maintain multiple pages, as well as on Instagram and YouTube, which they use to spread their ideology, draw in recruits and make money through ticket sales and branded merchandise.

The Battle of the Nibelungs — a reference to a classic heroic epic much loved by the Nazis — is one of dozens of far-right groups that continue to leverage mainstream social media for profit, despite Facebook's and other platforms' repeated pledges to purge themselves of extremism.

All told, there are at least 54 Facebook profiles belonging to 39 entities that the German government and civil society groups have flagged as extremist, according to research shared with The Associated Press by the Counter Extremism Project, a non-profit policy and advocacy group formed to combat extremism. The groups have nearly 268,000 subscribers and friends on Facebook alone.

Click on the big blue "view shop" button on the Erik & Sons Facebook page and you can buy a T-shirt that says, "My favorite color is white," for 20 euros (\$23). Deutsches Warenhaus offers "Refugees not welcome" stickers for just 2.50 euros (\$3) and Aryan Brotherhood tube scarves with skull faces for 5.88 euros (\$7).



**FILE - In this Monday, Aug. 27, 2018 file photo, demonstrators shout during a far-right protest in Chemnitz, Germany, after a man died and two others were injured in an altercation between several people of "various nationalities" in the eastern German city of Chemnitz the previous day. (AP Photo/Jens Meyer, File)**

The Facebook feed of OPOS Records promotes new music and merchandise, including "True Aggression," "Pride & Dignity," and "One Family" T-shirts. The brand, which stands for "One People One Struggle," also links to its online shop from Twitter and Instagram.

The people and organizations in CEP's dataset are a who's who of Germany's far-right music and combat sports scenes. "They are the ones who build the infrastructure where people meet, make money, enjoy music and recruit,"

said Alexander Ritzmann, the lead researcher on the project. "It's most likely not the guys I've highlighted who will commit violent crimes. They're too smart. They build the narratives and foster the activities of this milieu where violence then appears."

CEP said it focused on groups that want to overthrow liberal democratic institutions and norms such as freedom of the press, protection of minorities and universal human dignity, and believe that the white race is under siege and needs to be preserved,

with violence if necessary. None has been banned, but almost all have been described in German intelligence reports as extremist, CEP said. □

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## 'Dear Evan Hansen' opens 2nd to 'Shang-Chi' at box office

By **LINDSEY BAHR**  
Associated Press

**(AP)** - "Dear Evan Hansen" may have been a hit on Broadway, but the filmed adaptation of the Tony-winning show is off to a slow start at the box office in its first weekend in theaters. The Universal musical that's playing exclusively in theaters grossed an estimated \$7.5 million from 3,364 locations, according to studio estimates on Sunday.

First place again went to Disney and Marvel's "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings," which added \$13.3 million in ticket sales in North America, bringing its domestic total to \$196.5 million. The superhero pic has topped the charts for four consecutive weekends and this weekend surpassed "Black Widow" to become the highest domestic earner of the pandemic.

With little in the way of high-profile competition this weekend, "Dear Evan Hansen's" \$7.3 million was



This image released by Universal Pictures shows Ben Platt in a scene from "Dear Evan Hansen." (Erika Doss/Universal Pictures via AP)

enough to land it in second place. While critics were less than impressed, audiences that did turn out this weekend were fans and gave it an A- CinemaScore. Women made up an estimated 62% of the audience according to exit polls. Directed by Stephen Chbosky and written by Steven Levenson, "Dear Evan Hansen" is about a high school student with so-

cial anxiety disorder. "Musicals have always had mixed results at the box office," said Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for Comscore. "It's really difficult to pin down and project what a musical might earn on opening weekend, especially in this marketplace."

Earlier this year, the adaptation of Lin-Manuel Miranda's "In the Heights" under-

whelmed at the box office despite stellar reviews — but it was also streaming on HBO Max simultaneously. The single-digit opening weekend of "Dear Evan Hansen" reminded some of "Cats" which opened to \$6.6 million in December 2019. But "Dear Evan Hansen" cost significantly less — \$28 million vs. \$95 million — in addition to the fact that "Cats" launched

to worse reviews in a pre-pandemic environment.

Aside from "Shang-Chi," September has been slow for most movies. The No. 3 movie this weekend was "Free Guy," which has been in theaters for seven weeks and the sixth place spot went to "Jungle Cruise," in its ninth week. But bigger blockbusters are coming to North American theaters starting in October, with the "Venom" sequel out this upcoming Friday, the James Bond film "No Time to Die" following on Oct. 8 and "Dune" on Oct. 22.

"This is the proverbial calm before the storm. October looks to be perhaps one of the biggest months of the year at the box office," Dergarabedian said. "It's going to be like summer in October in movie theaters."

And "Dune" is already up and running in 32 markets overseas. The adaptation of Frank Herbert's sci-fi novel has grossed \$76.5 million in two weeks. □

## Tony Awards and TV special hope to be the jab Broadway needs



This image released by Boneau/Bryan-Brown shows the cast in "Moulin Rouge! The Musical." (Matthew Murphy/Boneau/Bryan-Brown via AP)

By **MARK KENNEDY**  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Oscars, Grammys, Emmys and Golden Globes have all held their ceremonies during the pandemic. Now it's time for the Tony Awards, celebrating an art form that really needs the boost — live theater.

Sunday's show has been expanded from its typical three hours to four, with Audra McDonald handing out

Tonys for the first two hours and Leslie Odom Jr. hosting a "Broadway's Back!" celebration for the second half, including the awarding of the top three trophies — best play revival, best play and best musical.

"What this does is it gives a chance for a lot of these shows — with just the joy of what Broadway brings — to be showcased in a way that helps remind the general public that we're

here and to come back and there's a way to do it safely," said McDonald.

While other entertainment industries like TV and film found ways to restart during the pandemic, Broadway was unable until now due to financial and physical impediments. The lifting of all capacity restrictions was crucial to any reopening since Broadway economics demand full venue capacity.

The sobering musical "Jagged Little Pill," which plumbs Alanis Morissette's 1995 breakthrough album to tell a story of an American family spiraling out of control, goes into the night with a leading 15 Tony nominations.

Nipping on its heels is "Moulin Rouge!," a jukebox adaptation of Baz Luhrmann's hyperactive 2001 movie about the goings-on in a turn-of-the-century Parisian nightclub that has 14 nods. "Slave Play," Jeremy O. Harris' ground-breaking, bracing work that mixes

race, sex, taboo desires and class, earned a dozen nominations, making it the most nominated play in Tony history.

Other shows to keep an eye on are "The Inheritance" by Matthew Lopez, which nabbed 11 nominations. It's a two-part, seven-hour epic that uses "Howards End" as a starting point for a play that looks at gay life in the early 21st century. And "Tina — The Tina Turner Musical," which tells the rock icon's life with songs that include "Let's Stay Together" and "Proud Mary," earned 12 nods.

This season's nominations were pulled from just 18 eligible plays and musicals from the 2019-2020 season, a fraction of the 34 shows the previous season. During most years, there are 26 competitive categories. This year there are 25 with several depleted ones. But theater insiders think an awards show is even more vital now.

"I would argue it's more

important than ever, in a way," said James Corden, who hosted the Tonys in 2016. "If there's a year that we should ever celebrate them, it's this year, where people's entire lives have just been ripped away and turned upside down."

Some intriguing races include whether Celia Rose Gooding, a daughter of Tony Award-winner LaChanze, will win a Tony of her own for her work on "Jagged Little Pill" and if fan favorite Danny Burstein will finally win a Tony for "Moulin Rouge! The Musical." Many will be seeing if Karen Olivo wins best leading actress in a musical, despite quitting her show, "Moulin Rouge! The Musical," in frustration with Broadway.

Six-time Tony-winner McDonald is not just a host. She's up for best actress award in a play, which, if she won, would give her seven awards, breaking her own record for the most Tonys won by a performer. □





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## Hamilton wins 100th F1 race to take lead over Verstappen

**Associated Press**

**SOCHI, Russia (AP)** — To win his 100th Formula One race, Lewis Hamilton drew on much of his vast experience from the first 99.

Hamilton used his overtaking skills, strategic thinking and driving skills in the rain to fight back from seventh place on the first lap to a landmark victory to retake the championship lead from Max Verstappen.

Hamilton was chasing Lando Norris for the lead when the rain started late in the race. Hamilton heeded his team's advice to stop for intermediate tires — though he was reluctant to break off chasing Norris — but Norris stayed out on slick tires and paid the price when he slid off the track and let Hamilton through. Hamilton turned Verstappen's five-point championship lead into a two-point lead of his own after the Dutch driver finished second after a dramatic drive from last on the grid. Carlos Sainz led the race early on and finished third for Ferrari.

The race had plenty of echoes of Hamilton's past. After his tough start, the British driver started moving up with a tough overtake around the outside of Fernando Alonso. They were fractious teammates and title rivals when Hamilton was a rookie in 2007. The chaotic wet finish also brought back memories from Hamilton's long record of victories in the rain. Verstappen started last after a penalty for an engine change in his Red Bull but sliced through the field and had Hamilton in sight by the halfway stage. Hamilton's Mercedes worked better on the hard tires in

the second half of the race and Verstappen's charge seemed to have stalled when he was overtaken by the Alpine of Alonso and stuck in seventh.

But then the rain came and Verstappen switched to intermediate tires early, allowing him to claim an unexpected podium finish and limit the damage to

his hopes of a first title. "We didn't lose so many points today, so that's really, really good," Verstappen told his team over the radio. One key question for the rest of the season is whether Hamilton too will need to use an extra engine and take a penalty. Verstappen's verdict on his title chances? "Fifty-fifty." □



Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain reacts after winning the Russian Formula One Grand Prix at the Sochi Autodrom circuit, in Sochi, Russia, Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021.

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## New champ Usyk heads for simple life, Joshua eyes rematch

**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — Anthony Joshua was walking back to his dressing room, dazed, bedraggled — he could barely see out of his right eye — with sympathetic shouts coming from the crowd of 66,000 who'd just seen British boxing's national treasure lose his world heavyweight titles again. Joshua was trying hard not to feel sorry for himself. In fact, he was already plotting how he could defeat Oleksandr Usyk in a rematch. "When I was walking back through the tunnel, I just said to myself, 'I'm ready to get back to the gym, I'm ready to just put that work in,'" Joshua said. "Most people after they've finished a fight, it's like,



**Oleksandr Usyk of Ukraine smiles during a press conference after winning the WBA (Super), WBO and IBF boxing title bout against Anthony Joshua of Britain at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London Saturday Sept. 25, 2021.**

(Nick Potts/PA via AP)

'Yeah, let me go out and have a bit of fun.' But my mindset is a bit different." So, after shaking hands with Usyk and video-calling

the new champ's kids back in Ukraine, Joshua got his team to put on a tape of the fight and watched it with two people close to

him — Tony Bellew and Derek Chisora — who have also lost to Usyk over the past three years.

"This isn't just one fight and then I'm done," Joshua said. "I've got an opportunity to go back to the drawing board."

The video will have been a tough watch. Befuddled by fighting a southpaw for only the second time, Joshua was given a lesson in movement and punching speed by an undefeated 34-year-old opponent who demolished allcomers in the cruiserweight division and — after just three fights at heavyweight — already owns three of the four major belts in boxing's blue rib-and category.

"Anthony could have swerved that fight easy. Maybe we should have," Hearn said. "But that's not really what he's about."

"You've got people who will take easy options and you've got people who will choose to fight everybody. And the latter is AJ."

So, Joshua will "100%, 110%" trigger the rematch clause that was part of the deal. Hearn said it will take place in February or March, hopefully in Britain and almost certainly not in Kiev — the preferred location for Usyk despite his fearsome reputation as a road fighter.

Joshua's coach, Rob McCracken, think he knows how his man can close the

gap on Usyk and avoid getting in the kind of situation that saw him hanging on the ropes by the end of Saturday's fight, on the end of a pummeling in his own back yard. He surely would have gone down had the final bell not sounded.

"You've got to apply pressure behind your jab and your right hand, keep him off-balance and put your shots together when you get there," McCracken said. Easier said than done. Usyk will start as favorite in the rematch — Hearn said that, and Joshua didn't disagree — and is blessed with such talent and pedigree that he'll be confident of outboxing his fellow Olympic gold medalist from 2012 once again.

It was some performance, in only his third heavyweight fight, in such a fevered atmosphere and against a two-time world champion. By the end, he was bullying the younger Joshua — a man with a distinct advantage in height, weight and reach — and won comprehensively on all three of the judges' scorecards.

"It is the biggest fight in my career but it wasn't the hardest one. That is ahead of us," Usyk said.

Before that — and Joshua now has the benefit of a fight against the slippery and sharp Usyk in the memory bank — Usyk wants to go home and "live" a simple life for a while. □

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